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January 3, 2008

To Whom It May Concern:

National Crime Victims' Rights Week is April 13-19, 2008. The Montana Board of Crime Control (MBCC), in conjunction with the Montana Department of Corrections (DOC) Crime Victims' Advisory Council, is coordinating statewide activities to coincide with national activities.

MBCC has received a grant through the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) to fund activities that educate community members about crime prevention and community pride. The grant requires community cleanup projects and information distribution. These projects utilize the "Weed and Seed" concept of collaboration among public agencies and community-based organizations for the purpose of weeding out criminals and restoring neighborhoods.

MBCC is soliciting nominations from cities to host community cleanup projects. We are looking for communities that have a specific target area that needs restoration, such as a park that has been destroyed by graffiti or a neighborhood that is overrun with debris and in dire need of cleanup. In order to be successful, community leaders, service providers, businesses, and the general public must be committed to the project. Applications are due to MBCC by **Friday, February 8, 2008**. All applications will be reviewed by a panel, and recipients will be notified by Friday, March 7, 2008. If your city is selected to participate, MBCC and DOC will work closely with you to organize and implement these activities. More information regarding the kickoff event and community cleanups will be available at the time of notification.

Please take a few moments to review the eligibility requirements before completing the application form. Contact Stacye Dorrington with MBCC at [sdorrington@mt.gov](mailto:sdorrington@mt.gov) or 444-4763 for more information or to request an electronic application form. Completed forms should be submitted by mail, email or FAX.

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Thank you for your interest in recognizing crime victims' rights in Montana. We look forward to seeing you at the Montana Crime Victims' Rights Week opening ceremony and candlelight vigil on Sunday, April 13, 2008, in Helena.

Sincerely,

Montana Board of Crime Control  
Department of Corrections, Crime Victims' Advisory Council

Enclosure

## Montana Crime Victims' Rights Week Community Project Eligibility Requirements

### **Eligibility Requirements:**

Please carefully review the following requirements to determine whether your city is eligible for the community cleanup project. If the eligibility requirements are met, please complete the application form.

- Must have a demonstrated need;
- Must demonstrate community commitment to the project through letters of support from the following:
  - chief of police or sheriff
  - city/county attorney
  - city/county commissioners
  - mayor
  - service groups (i.e. faith communities, Neighborhood Watch groups, shelters, etc.)
  - school administrators
  - local businesses
- Documented commitment from local law enforcement chief, mayor, and/or the prosecutor's office to speak at the community kickoff. Speech writing assistance will be provided, if needed. We are looking for these officials to discuss crime victims' rights and available resources in the community, crime prevention and community policing policies;
- Primary point of contact to assist in organizing the project; and
- Designated public place where volunteers can meet and information can be distributed.

Montana Crime Victims' Rights Week Community Project  
Application Form

Complete the following section with the applicant's information.

**Applicant's Information**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_  
Agency: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

A primary contact person is required. Complete the following section with the primary contact's information.

**Primary Contact Information**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_  
Agency: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Applications are limited to 200 typewritten words or less, single-spaced, on one side only of 8-1/2" x 11" paper. Outline your city's need, including the specific activities you would like to see occur if your site is selected (scrub graffiti, paint a house, plant trees, remove trash, remove abandoned vehicles, etc.). Include what you hope to accomplish by your selection and the likelihood of finding sufficient volunteers to assist in the cleanup project and to staff an information resources area. Relevant supporting documentation such as crime statistics or photos of your selected site is highly encouraged. Please submit your application form by **Friday, February 8, 2008**, via mail, email or FAX to the address below:

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